

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF BRITTANY HULINGS

HON. JASON ALTMIRE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. ALTMIRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Brittany Hulings, who has been selected as a 2007 Presidential Scholar. Ms. Hulings lives in Sewickley Hills, Pennsylvania and recently graduated from Quaker Valley High School. She is an exemplary citizen and a wonderful example of what our students are capable of achieving.

Since 1964, the Presidential Scholars program has honored the nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors. Applicants are judged based on their performance in the classroom, their commitment to the ideals of service and their aptitude for leadership. Recipients must excel in all of these areas. Earning this recognition is so competitive that of the over 3 million seniors who graduated this year, only 141 were chosen as Presidential Scholars.

In addition to her excellent academic record, Ms. Hulings has distinguished herself as a student athlete. Due to both her scholastic achievements and her skills as a golfer, she was selected as the Pittsburgh First Tees Scholar for 2007, and she also earned the Pritchett Young Ventures Scholarship. She also boasts a proven record of service, having been active in the state YMCA.

I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize Ms. Hulings's exceptional achievement of becoming a Presidential Scholar. Additionally, I would also like to recognize Ms. Hulings's parents, teachers, coaches and other role models, whom I am sure played a significant role in molding such a remarkable young woman.

RECOGNIZING LIBRARY DAY ON
THE HILL

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Library Day on the Hill during the American Library Association's (ALA) Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. On June 26th, 2007, library supporters and sponsors will gather on Capitol Hill to display the diversity of library resources available in the United States. I am glad to support this initiative and look forward to celebrating the wealth and freedom of information that we have in this great country.

Information resources are the foundation of effective research, reporting and analyzing. Our libraries serve as a principle medium through which our communities access educational resources and electronic databases.

In New York, the Federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) supports our local

libraries and provides funds for New Yorkers to access electronic databases through NOVELNY, our first statewide virtual library. LSTA is also focused on strengthening the relationship between library organizations and policy makers in order to facilitate better communication and collaboration. In line with the New York State Education Department's mission "to raise the knowledge, skill, and opportunity of all the people in New York," targeted library support will ensure the greatest benefit of library resources to all New Yorkers.

I encourage my colleagues to join me in supporting Library Day on the Hill, June 26th, 2007. The services provided by our libraries are inimitable and by raising awareness of our library collections we display the freedom of information resources available in America.

CELEBRATING THE 35TH
ANNIVERSARY OF TITLE IX

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, June 23, 2007 marked a significant event in American history; the 35th anniversary of the passage of Title IX of the Higher Education Act. In celebrating the 35th anniversary of the Title IX law, I am pleased to honor the principle of equal opportunity before the law and applaud the amazing contributions made by women.

Title IX's impact on college sports has been well documented. However, its influence on women extends well beyond the playing field and into the classroom. When the law was passed in 1972, 46 percent of female high school students enrolled in college immediately after graduating. In 2005, that figure had risen to 70 percent and the share of bachelor's degrees earned by women had increased from 44 to 57 percent.

Title IX has also affected my life in a very personal way. I have seen how Title IX has changed the experiences of the women in my own family. When I was in school, there was no Title IX and opportunities were limited. When my daughter, Mary, was in school, Title IX was in its infancy, but it opened the door to her and her classmates to a number of options in not only sports, but careers as well. I am so excited that now that my granddaughters, Isabel, Lucy, and Eve are growing up in a time when a whole new world is available to them.

As a member of Congress I am dedicated to ensuring that Title IX remains in tact. We have made great progress as a Nation in the last 35 years; however, we must make certain that Title IX remains a bedrock principle in America. The progress we have seen in the country is just the beginning.

HONORING TAMRA TIONG

HON. TOM UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Tamra Tiong, a distinguished teacher who was voted the 2007 New Mexico Teacher of the Year, an honor bestowed by the Council of Chief State School Officers. She was also one of the four finalists chosen to receive the National Teacher of the Year award, presented at the White House. Tamra is the special education teacher for kindergarten through second grade at Dulce Elementary School on the Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation in northwest New Mexico. She received her nomination and award for her outstanding teaching strategies, her contribution to professional development, and her community involvement.

Tamra Tiong graduated from Santa Clara University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. She later received a Special Education Alternative License from Northern New Mexico Community College and graduated with a 4.0 GPA. Tamra began teaching in September of 1996 at Santa Clara University as an academic tutor and mentor for student athletes. She then taught at various places, such as Americorps Corporation for National Service and Hidden Villa Environmental Education program, before arriving at Dulce Independent Schools in September of 2002.

In addition to her extensive education experience, she is a member of numerous professional associations, such as the Educational Kinesiology Foundation, Sigma Tau Delta International English Society, Alpha Sigma Nu National Jesuit Society, and Phi Sigma Tau International Philosophy Honor Society.

Tamra always knew she would one day be involved in education and recalls that when she was three years old, she would sneak worksheets and books out of her big sister's backpack and hand them out to her stuffed animals. Tamra would even grade their papers with red crayon, drawing happy faces when they "tried their best." She recognizes Mrs. Thoren, her fifth and sixth grade teacher, as the reason for her passion and devotion to education. Mrs. Thoren created a safe and embracing environment in which everyone enjoyed the journey of learning. Tamra took much of her experience from Mrs. Thoren's class and adapted it into her teaching methods and ideology.

In addition to prioritizing community service as her top priority, inclusion is the core of Tamra's teaching philosophy. She has stated: "Inclusion, to me, is not just about placement of students receiving special education services; it is a word that implies acceptance and validation of all students in a classroom, school, local and global community." Her philosophy of education, which also involves recognizing, valuing, and addressing the needs of students of various cultural, linguistic, and

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socio-economic backgrounds, is mirrored in her teaching style, ethics, and community involvement.

Tamra listens to each student individually and addresses behavioral issues in an attempt to get to the root of each student's problem. She believes her greatest accomplishments have been small. An excellent example was helping an insecure kindergarten student adapt to the school environment by eating lunch with her every day for an entire year, until she was comfortable enough to enter the cafeteria alone. She also recalls turning a child with a significant aggression problem on to reading so that he is now rarely seen without a book in his hand.

Tamra was previously exposed to the difficulties of attending school as a minority child, similar to the special-education students she teaches. Her prior experiences taught her to adapt to each situation separately, and upon arriving on the Jicarilla reservation, she adapted to the community by becoming a part of it. She lives on the reservation, rides her bike to school and through town, walks and runs in the neighborhood, and grows a vegetable garden in her front yard in order to share the produce with members of the community. Tamra's passion for her teaching and love of her community are demonstrated every day of her life.

Madam Speaker, Tamra Tiong is an exceptional teacher and a deeply caring member of her community. I am honored to stand here today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating her for receiving the 2007 New Mexico Teacher of the Year award and for being one of four finalists nationwide. I am proud to say that Tamra is a teacher in my Congressional district and that our children will be able to benefit from her passion and devotion to her students.

IN SUPPORT OF NEGOTIATING PEACE IN NORTHERN UGANDA

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I stand today to express my support for House Concurrent Resolution 80, introduced by Congressman HANK JOHNSON. This is the first action to be taken by the House concerning the continuing conflict in northern Uganda which has claimed so many lives. I am a proud cosponsor of a resolution calling for an unprecedented and historical effort to peacefully resolve the Ugandan conflict and garner international support for an ongoing peace process.

Jan Egeland, former United Nations Undersecretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, has described the crisis in Uganda as "the biggest forgotten, neglected humanitarian emergency in the world today." Twenty years of conflict has afflicted Uganda's innocent civilians, including women and children, with experiences of torture, displacement, rape, murder and enslavement. The ensuing violence impedes trade, development and democracy, and prevents humanitarian workers from providing much needed assistance to the region. Peace talks last year appeared promising; however, the

ceasefire has expired and there is concern about the possibility of a return to armed conflict between the government of Uganda and the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA).

We live in a global society. This conflict and its aftermath are an international responsibility. Immediate action must be taken to ensure that the peace talks continue in northern Uganda. House Concurrent Resolution 80 calls on the Ugandan government and LRA to recommence peace talks and urges the U.S. and international community to support the peace process. I commend these efforts, endorse this bill, and look forward to a day when armed conflict and human rights violations no longer afflict our world.

CONGRATULATING THE 2007 GRADUATING CLASS OF SENN HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the 2007 graduating class of Senn High School. At a time when immigration reform is at the forefront of America's conscience it is important that we take a moment to recognize the important role immigrants have played in the growth of this country and the vital part they will continue to have in our development as a society.

The graduates of Senn High School represent this bright future. Demonstrating that the American dream is alive and well, the graduating class is made up of students from 60 different countries and speaks 46 different languages. The diversity and richness that these students bring from their families' culture adds so much to our community.

Like so many Americans, I am a first-generation American and I believe that we need to continue our tradition of welcoming immigrant groups from all over the world into our communities. I am so very proud of each and every one of these exemplary graduates, many of whom, in addition to be the first in the family to graduate from high school, plan to attend college as well.

Madam Speaker, as we continue to debate the merits of immigration reform, I hope that we will not lose sight of what is truly important, and that is the profound impact that immigrants have on all of us, making this country a richer and better place to live.

THE CONTRIBUTION OF AMERICA'S LIBRARIES

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the work of America's librarians and the service of America's libraries.

Over the course of American history, libraries have established themselves as national treasures; and not just in the ways that may first come to mind. While it is true that every public library, whether small or large, is a valuable repository of books, periodicals, and elec-

tronic media, the greatest asset of all libraries is the people who work there. From local public libraries to the Library of Congress, America's libraries provide vast resources to people of all walks of life. Any individual can go into a public library and know that he or she will be treated with respect and care. Whether library patrons need help with sorting through an avalanche of information resulting from an Internet search, or ideas for a good book to read their child, or encouraging words as they struggle to write their résumé or maybe even the next great American novel, librarians are there to provide quality, individualized service. With this in mind, we know that any public institution is only as good as its people. Thus, we are fortunate in the U.S. to have more than 100,000 public libraries serving our residents with experienced, highly skilled librarians.

In the 21st century, librarians have established themselves as critical interlocutors between the knowledge we seek and the plethora of locations in which that information resides. It is important to recognize the American Library Association (ALA), which has preserved the functions of our libraries since 1876. The ALA's mission has been "to provide leadership for the development, promotion, and improvement of library and information services and the profession of librarianship in order to enhance learning and ensure access to information for all." Importantly, the ALA has provided professionals with Master's degree programs at nearly 60 universities all over the country.

It is imperative that we recognize the service of our American libraries and their workforce. These institutions have made great contributions to the education and progression of our society. With our continued support, libraries will continue to serve as an important resource for centuries to come.

HONORING THE LIFE AND DEDICATION OF MAJOR GENERAL GEORGE WALTER TITUS

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a life of service and achievements. Major General George Walter Titus passed away this month at the age of 81.

Major General Titus started his military career as a private in the 354th Infantry, 89th Division. He saw action in the European Theatre during World War II where he crossed the Rhine River at Remagen. Later, as a Lieutenant Colonel, Mr. Titus held command of 2 Battalions in succession: the 2/143rd Field Artillery and the 1/143rd Field Artillery. As a Colonel, Mr. Titus went on to serve as Commandant of the California Military Academy, from which he retired in 1981.

Upon retirement, the Governor of the State of California promoted Colonel Titus to Brigadier General and assigned him as Commander of the Second Infantry Brigade, California State Military Reserve. Thereafter, the Governor promoted Brigadier General Titus to Major General and bestowed the command of the entire California State Military Reserve.

Among MG Titus' major awards are the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal

(third award), and the Order of California. Major General Titus was an honor graduate of the United States Army Command and General Staff College.

General Titus was a life member of the Association of the United States Army. Walt, and his beloved Lucie Marx Titus, through their leadership in the William F. Dean Chapter of the Association of the United States Army, demonstrated a true devotion to the men and women of our armed services, both in our community, and throughout the country.

Today, I am humbled to recognize General Titus' numerous achievements, and I share my deepest sympathies with his wife Lucie and children Matthew and Chris.

TRIBUTE TO THE CARIBBEAN
AMERICAN MEDICAL AND SCI-
ENTIFIC ASSOCIATION

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I stand today to pay tribute to and show appreciation for the Caribbean American Medical and Scientific Association, CAMSA, and to enter into the RECORD an article from CaribNews entitled "Saying Thanks and Recognizing the Contribution."

Health care is an integral component of our Nation's well-being, yet many communities are left without the resources to access that care or receive health services that are not compatible with their cultural needs. CAMSA is on the cutting edge of health care delivery, providing culturally competent research and solutions concerning Caribbeans who have emigrated to the United States. CAMSA is creating significant professional alliances with non-Caribbean American health professionals, developing skills and strategies to better provide resources to their communities in both the United States and Caribbean nations.

I value CAMSA's contribution at a time when policy makers and health professionals are seeking ways to deliver health care and culturally relevant social services to communities that disproportionately bear the burden of disease yet lack the health care they need. CAMSA is improving the delivery of health care, making it more accessible to our Nation's Caribbean population; and I applaud their contribution to the health field.

HONORING THE JASPER HIGH
SCHOOL BULLDOGS

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the Jasper High School Bulldogs on their 3A Texas State Baseball Championship. Jasper, TX, is an enchanting town in southeast Texas and a proud part of the Eighth Congressional District.

The Bulldogs stormed through the State Tournament outscoring their opponents 25-7, including a 14-4 victory in the final game to set a record for most runs in the 3A State

Championship game. This was their first trip to the finals, after semi-final runs five previous times.

Every member of the team contributed over their championship run and Ryan Ellis was named the most valuable player of the state tournament after he drove in four runs with three hits and pitched the final 2½ innings in relief of starter Aaron Stephenson. The Bulldogs played with a team mentality the entire season, and they should all be proud to call themselves champions.

Members and staff of the Championship winning team include: Head Coach: Shawn Mixon; Assistant Coaches: Steve Smith, David Ford, Joey Brown; and Players: Malcolm Bronson, Ryan Ellis, Taylor Hart, Justin Parsons, Chantz Pryor, Blake Weller-Alexander, Jaylon Clotiaux, Robert Shellhammer, Aaron Stephenson, Cord Yates, Travis Reagan, John Bradley, Garrett Harrell, Fermin Gonzalez, Parker Phillips, Tyler Ernest, Ty Parker, Matthew Daniel, and Marx Marcantel.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the Jasper Bulldogs as they continue to be champions both on and off the field.

HONORING DR. DAVID L. EUBANKS

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a Tennessean who truly embodies the Volunteer spirit of my home State of Tennessee.

On June 30, 2007, Dr. David L. Eubanks of Knoxville, TN, ends a remarkable run as president of Johnson Bible College in Knox County, TN.

David's journey began 54 years ago as a student at the school. His is a story of a man who was called to a higher service, not one of a man who was seeking it.

Following his own graduation from Johnson Bible College in 1953, David decided his work there was far from over. He signed on to teach at the school, and it was his work as an educator that showcased his character, purpose, and devotion.

When the trustees of the school offered him the job of president in November of 1968, it was out of the blue. But David said yes, and went on to serve as the school's leader for 39 years.

Under his leadership, Johnson Bible College has undergone a multimillion-dollar expansion and grown to over 850 students. It's a legacy that will be hard to match.

Today I honor the career Dr. David L. Eubanks, who held the title not only of president, but also of teacher, pastor, and friend to so many in the Johnson Bible College community.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I urge my colleagues to join me as I salute Dr. Eubanks and wish him the best as he enters a well-deserved retirement. I know he will continue to lead many toward higher education, and a closer relationship with God.

EMMETT TILL UNSOLVED CIVIL
RIGHTS CRIME ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2007

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to thank my dear friend and colleague, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia for leading this effort.

The murder and subsequent miscarriage of justice in the unresolved civil rights cases still remains this country's biggest transgression. The first step towards erasing the injustices that has haunted the families of the victims is to, as a nation, acknowledge and give due diligence to these unsolved murders.

According to the FBI, there are roughly 100 unsolved homicide cases from that time period. Among those is the murder of Emmett Till—for whom the bill is named—an African-American teenager who was brutally beaten and shot in 1955. His killers tied a cotton gin to his neck and threw his body into a Mississippi river. That became a major event in the civil rights movement. Two men were prosecuted for the crime but were acquitted.

H.R. 923 authorizes \$10 million annually for fiscal years 2008-2017 for the Justice Department to hire special investigators to work on solving civil rights crimes dating back to before 1969.

Justice being served in these cases is a reality. To name a few examples in Mississippi: The 1994 conviction of Byron De La Beckwith for his role in the assassination of Medgar Evers. The 2005 conviction of Edgar Ray Killen for his role in the deaths of Schwerner, Chaney and Goodman, the three civil rights workers in Mississippi in 1964. The conviction was based, in part, on new evidence that he had boasted of the killing at a Ku Klux Klan rally and to others over the three decades after the crime; and most recently, James Ford Seale, convicted last Thursday, June 14, 2007, for his role in the abduction of two Charles Eddie Moore and Henry Hezekiah Dee, the African-American teenagers in Meadville, Mississippi, in 1964.

This bill provides an honest effort to bring closure to the more than 40 families of unresolved civil rights cases in Mississippi.

Such as the Family of Charles Brown of Yazoo City, Miss., 1957—A white man shot Brown, who was visiting the white man's sister. The Justice Department handed the case over to the state.

The Family of Jessie Brown of Winona, Miss., 1965—The 1965 NAACP annual report claimed white farmer R.M. Gibson killed Brown.

The Family of Eli Brumfield of McComb, Miss., 1961—Police officer B. F. Elmore alleged self-defense after shooting Brumfield. Police claimed Brumfield jumped from his car with a pocket knife after police pulled him over for speeding.

The Family of Silas (Ernest) Caston of Jackson, Miss., 1964—Caston was shot by a local police officer. CORE and NAACP filed a civil suit against Deputy Sheriff Herbert Sullivan. The result of that suit is unknown.

The Family of Vincent Dahmon of Natchez, Miss., 1966—Dahmon, 65, was shot in the head around the time of a march in support of James Meredith.

The Family of Woodrow Wilson Daniels of Water Valley, Miss., 1958—Sheriff Buster Treloar, identified by four witnesses as the man who beat Daniels to death in a prison, was freed after 23 minutes of deliberation by an all-white jury. "By God," Treloar said after the trial. "Now I can get back to rounding up bootleggers and damn niggers."

The Family of Pheld Evans of Canton, Miss., 1964—Medgar Evers identified Evans as having been killed under mysterious circumstances.

The Family of J. E. Evanston of Long Lake, Miss., 1955—Evanston's body is fished out of Long Lake in December. Evanston was a teacher in the local elementary school.

The Family of Jasper Greenwood of Vicksburg, Miss., 1964—Greenwood was found shot to death near his car on a rural road. Police said the slaying was not racially motivated.

The Family of Jimmie Lee Griffin of Sturgis, Miss., 1965—Griffin was killed in a hit-and-run accident. A coroner's report revealed Griffin was run over at least twice.

The Family of Luther Jackson of Philadelphia, Miss., 1959—Jackson was killed by police after he and his girlfriend were found talking in their car, which was stalled in a ditch. Police claim Jackson attacked them.

The Family of Ernest Jells of Clarksdale, Miss., 1964—Jells was accused of stealing a banana from a grocery and pointing a rifle at pursuing police officers. The officers were exonerated.

The Family of John Lee of Goshen Springs, Miss., 1965—Lee's body was found beaten on a country road.

The Family of Willie Henry Lee of Rankin County, Miss., 1965—Lee, who was known to have attended civil rights meetings, was found beaten on a country road. An autopsy revealed he died by strangulation from gas.

The Family of George Love of Indianola, Miss., 1958—Love was killed in a gun battle with police who believed he was responsible for a murder and arson. He was later cleared of any connection to the murder.

The Family of Sylvester Maxwell of Canton, Miss., 1963—Maxwell's castrated and mutilated body was found by his brother-in-law less than 500 yards from the home of a white family.

The Family of Robert McNair of Pelahatchie, Miss., 1965—McNair was killed by a town constable.

The Family of Clinton Melton of Sumner, Miss., 1956—Elmer Otis Kimbell was cleared in Melton's death. Kimbell claimed Melton fired at him three times before he returned fire with a shotgun. No gun was found in Melton's car or on his body.

The Family of Booker T. Mixon of Clarksdale, Miss., 1959—Mixon's body was found lying on the side of the road, completely nude. Police claimed it was a hit-and-run, though family members cited his naked body and the extensive amount of flesh torn from his body as evidence of murder.

The Family of Nehemiah Montgomery of Merigold, Miss., 1964—Montgomery, 60, was shot by police after allegedly refusing to pay for gas. Police were acquitted, and the shooting was called justifiable homicide.

The Family of Sam O'Quinn of Centreville, Miss., 1959—O'Quinn, derided by some local whites for being "uppity," was shot after joining the NAACP.

The Family of Hubert Orsby of Pickens, Miss., 1964—Orsby's body was found in the Black River. It was reported that he was wearing a t-shirt with "CORE," written on it, representing the Congress of Racial Equality.

The Family of William Roy Prather of Corinth, Miss., 1959—Prather, 15, was killed in an anti-black Halloween prank. One of eight youths involved was indicted on manslaughter charges.

The Family of Johnny Queen of Fayette, Miss., 1965—A white off-duty constable was named in the pistol slaying of Johnny Queen. The shooting was not connected to any arrest.

The Family of Donald Rasberry of Okolona, Miss., 1965—Rasberry was shot to death by his plantation boss.

The Family of Jessie James Shelby of Yazoo City, Miss., 1956—Shelby, 23, was fatally wounded by a police officer who claimed he shot Shelby because he resisted arrest.

The Family of Ed Smith of State Line, Miss., 1958—A grand jury refused to indict L.D. Clark in the death of Smith, who was shot in his yard in front of his wife. Clark later reportedly bragged about the killing.

The Family of Eddie James Stewart of Crystal Springs, Miss., 1966—Stewart was reportedly beaten and shot while in police custody. Police claimed he was shot while trying to escape.

The Family of Isaiah Taylor of Ruleville, Miss., 1964—Taylor was shot by a police officer after allegedly lunging at him with a knife. The shooting was ruled a justifiable homicide.

The Family of Freddie Lee Thomas of LeFlore County, Miss., 1965—Federal investigators looked into the death of Thomas, 16. Thomas's brother believed he was murdered as a warning against black voter registration. The result of the investigation is unknown.

The Family of Saleam Triggs of Hattiesburg, Miss., 1965—The body of Mrs. Triggs was found mysteriously burned to death.

The Family of Clifton Walker of Adams County, Miss., 1964—Walker was killed by a shotgun blast at close range. The result of a federal investigation is unknown; and a host of others.

We must act—not only to bring these criminals to justice, but to also cleanse our Nation of this stain. The unsolved case of Emmett Till and other victims of the civil rights movement represent a terrible chapter in our Nation's history. Over the years there have been sporadic efforts to prosecute some of the civil rights era slayings that were ignored at the time. We need to address these injustices before it is too late—before they become permanent scars on our Nation's history. It is essential that Congress pass this legislation mandating a well-coordinated and well-funded effort to investigate and prosecute unsolved crimes from the civil rights era.

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAVINGS BANK LIFE INSURANCE

HON. WILLIAM D. DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. DELAHUNT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of a financial service product that was unique

to the United States when created in Massachusetts in 1907. I refer to Savings Bank Life Insurance, which was the brainchild of Louis D. Brandeis, then a prominent Boston attorney and subsequently, of course, an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court. Legislation authored by Brandeis that created Savings Bank Life Insurance of Massachusetts was signed into law 100 years ago today by Massachusetts Governor Curtis Guild, Jr.

At a time when life insurance was often too expensive for ordinary citizens and especially recent immigrants to afford, Louis Brandeis examined the "delivery system," as we would call it in modern parlance, and concluded the Commonwealth's mutual savings banks could best fill this unmet need by selling life insurance policies directly to their depositors. Now, of course, financial services companies routinely offer banking and insurance products, but in 1907, this was a bold experiment. Indeed it was not until 1999 that this Congress passed legislation formally allowing banks and insurance companies to affiliate throughout the United States.

In the 100 years since its establishment in Massachusetts, Savings Bank Life Insurance has gained broad consumer acceptance to the point where the Savings Bank Life Insurance Company of Massachusetts has become the leading provider of ordinary life insurance in Massachusetts. The company, headquartered in Woburn, Massachusetts, has nearly \$2 billion in assets and \$70 billion of life insurance in force.

I am especially pleased to note that, as the centerpiece of its centennial celebration, the Savings Bank Life Insurance Company of Massachusetts has underwritten the production of a documentary entitled "Louis Brandeis: The People's Attorney," that traces the life and achievements of Justice Brandeis through the use of archival footage, images and reenactments, and features commentary by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, U.S. District Court Judge Mark Wolf, and several noted Brandeis scholars, as well as personal recollections by his three grandchildren. Produced by Emmy-award-winning Stuart Television Productions, the documentary will air on selected PBS television stations later this year.

Gerald T. Mulligan and Robert K. Sheridan, who serve respectively as chairman and chief executive officer of the Savings Bank Life Insurance Company of Massachusetts, deserve our appreciation not only for being the stewards of what Justice Brandeis called his greatest achievement, but for their efforts in the form of this new documentary to preserve and promote the life story of Justice Brandeis himself.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Madam Speaker, I stayed at home due to an ongoing medical condition of a family member. As a result, I missed a number of votes. Had I been present, I would have voted the following:

Aye on H. Res. 189, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" should be established. (Rollcall No. 549)

Aye on H.R. 2546, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Asheville, North Carolina, as the "Charles George Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center." (Rollcall No. 550)

INTRODUCTION OF PAYDAY LOAN REFORM ACT OF 2007

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Payday Loan Reform Act of 2007. I want to thank original cosponsors LUIS GUTIERREZ, KEITH ELLISON, and JANICE SCHAKOWSKY for their support on this issue.

Payday loans are short-term cash loans based on the borrower's personal check held for future deposit or electronic access to the borrower's bank account. These loans range in size from \$100 to \$1,000 and average about 2 weeks in length. Finance charges can range from \$15 to \$30 for a \$100 loan and the average annual percentage rate on payday loans ranges from 390 to 780 percent for a 2-week loan. Let me repeat that: the average annual percentage rate on payday loans ranges from 390 to 780 percent.

It is well known that payday lending is rapidly expanding. In fact, at the end of 2006, the Center for Responsible Lending reported that the approximately 25,000 payday loan outlets in the country had an annual loan volume of at least \$28 billion. These lenders charged over \$4 billion in loan fees to consumers.

All someone needs to get a payday loan is an open bank account in fairly good standing, a steady source of income, and a form of identification. Full credit checks, or even questions asked to establish if a person can afford to repay the loan, are rarely conducted. I believe lending that fails to assess a borrower's ability to repay, that requires consumers to write checks on insufficient funds, and that encourages perpetual debt is unacceptable.

As such, we are introducing this bill today, which addresses important aspects of payday lending. First, it addresses "rent-a-banks," which are banks that partner with payday lenders to make single-payment and installment loans. These arrangements are designed to allow payday lenders to evade small loan laws in their respective states. This bill prohibits insured financial institutions from making payday loans, either directly or indirectly. Second, this bill prohibits payday loans based on checks drawn from depository institutions. Basing loans on personal checks that will be deposited to repay the loan on the next payday can be a key to the coercive collection tactics. This bill will prohibit the holding of a check as security for a loan and can help end these practices.

Congress has enacted legislation to address the personal responsibility of lenders and while I believe that individuals must take greater responsibility for their debt, the lending industry must also be held accountable for targeting those individuals who are unable to payoff their debts. Last Congress, as part of the National Defense Authorization Act, we included language that provided these important protections to members of the armed forces. I

urge my colleagues to support this legislation to ensure that these protections are given to all consumers.

HONORING FAIRFAX AND PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the efforts of public library Fairfax and Prince William Counties.

Public libraries have always been a great source of knowledge for the community. Recognizing the importance and need of public libraries, Benjamin Franklin, founder of the United States' first public lending library, once said that "an investment in knowledge always pays the best interest." Public libraries enrich our lives by providing society with educational resources, a communal gathering place, free access to the internet and interactive services that engage the public in the joys of reading. Libraries allow people of every age to independently self educate themselves by taking advantage of the great programs and services offered.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I would like to take this opportunity to commend public libraries in Fairfax and Prince William Counties for the invaluable services they provide to the community.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF BILL DEARMAN

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of Bill Dearman of Alexandria, VA. Bill Dearman's retirement will mark the conclusion of 10 years of extraordinary and dedicated leadership as executive director of the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

Mr. Dearman's professionalism and commitment to making quality homes affordable to Alexandria's neediest citizens has led to a number of great accomplishments. Among these was the redevelopment of the Samuel Madden Housing Project into what is now the nationally recognized award-winning Chatham Square. In addition he oversaw the development of various scattered site public housing replacements in middle class neighborhoods such as, Braddock Road, Quaker Hill, Cameron Valley and the rehabilitation and refinancing of Jefferson Village.

Mr. Dearman has improved the quality of life and economic opportunity of all Alexandrians by contributing in a major way to Alexandria's economic and racial diversity and affordability.

Mr. Dearman should be deeply appreciated by all Americans for his years of service to the city of Alexandria. I wish all the best to him on his retirement with his family in Atlanta, GA.

INTRODUCTION OF THE "PREPARE ALL KIDS ACT" OF 2007

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, today, I am pleased to introduce the "Prepare All Kids Act," which would assist states in providing at least one year of high quality, full-day pre-kindergarten education to all children, targeting children from low-income families. Introduced in the Senate by my colleague on the Joint Economic Committee, Senator CASEY of Pennsylvania, I am happy to be introducing this House companion bill along with original cosponsors Representative HINCHEY of New York and Representative SCHWARTZ of Pennsylvania.

Tomorrow Senator CASEY and I will hold a hearing on the economic case for early childhood education. According to a landmark study on life outcomes of children who attended the Perry Preschool Program in Michigan, every dollar invested, high quality early education programs saves more than \$17 in other costs, including crime, welfare and education costs.

Clearly, children are our Nation's greatest resource. The "Prepare All Kids Act" is not only the right thing to do for our children; it's a wise investment in our future.

FREEDOM FOR JOSÉ GABRIEL RAMÓN CASTILLO

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak about José Gabriel Ramón Castillo a political prisoner in totalitarian Cuba.

Mr. Ramón Castillo was a respected professor of mechanical theory at Álvaro Barriol Cruz Polytechnic. As a professor, he was committed to his students and to helping them advance in their studies. After becoming more and more aware of the propaganda mandated by the dictatorship, he was unable to continue with the charade of manipulating young students with the lies and treachery of a tyrannical regime. Because of his strong belief and commitment to truth and democracy for the Cuban people, Mr. Ramón Castillo eventually became the director of the Independent Culture and Democracy Institute. As part of his efforts to bring international attention to the crimes committed against the people of Cuba, he began to work as an independent journalist to chronicle the reality of deprivation and misery that characterizes life under the totalitarian regime.

Mr. Ramón Castillo was repeatedly subjected to persecution and harassment by the dictatorship from the beginning of his involvement in the movement to make possible a free and democratic Cuba. On March 19, 2003, Mr. Ramón Castillo was arrested as part of the dictatorship's monstrous crackdown of that year on peaceful pro-democracy activists. In a sham trial, he was unjustly "sentenced" to 20 years in the tyrant's sub-human dungeons.

Confined in the infernal squalor of Boniato prison in eastern Cuba, Mr. Ramón Castillo

currently suffers from numerous medical afflictions, afflictions only worsened by the grotesquely inhuman quarters in which he is forced to survive. In November 2005, Mr. Ramón Castillo was diagnosed with cirrhosis of the liver. His family pleaded to prison officials that he be conditionally released to attend to his rapidly deteriorating health. Their pleas went unanswered and in February 2007 prison personnel explained that he would be scheduled to undergo a laparoscopic biopsy of his liver; a procedure that Mr. Ramón Castillo had already endured in 2005 and that the prison thugs knew he would be forced to refuse because he is too weak to undergo the procedure because of malnutrition, lack of medical attention, and the seriousness of his diabetes and other illnesses.

It is unconscionable for any man to be confined in the grotesquely inhuman Castro dungeons for his belief in democracy. Mr. Ramón Castillo is one of the many heroes of the Cuban pro-democracy movement who are chained in the dungeons of the dictatorship for their beliefs. Mr. Ramón Castillo represents the best of the Cuban nation, a nation oppressed but not destroyed, bound and gagged but not resigned to live in tyranny.

Madam Speaker, it is intolerable that Mr. Ramón Castillo is languishing in the totalitarian gulag 90 miles from our shore simply because he believes in freedom and democracy. He is a symbol of freedom and democracy who will always be remembered when freedom reigns again in Cuba. My colleagues, we must demand the immediate release of José Gabriel Ramón Castillo, and every prisoner of conscience suffering in totalitarian Cuba.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, on Monday, June 25, 2007, I was absent from the House.

Had I been present I would have voted: On rollcall No. 548—"yea"—H. Res. 189—Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" should be established. On rollcall No. 549—"yea"—H.R. 2546—To designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Asheville, North Carolina, as the "Charles George Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center."

A TRIBUTE TO FORMER NEW JERSEY STATE SENATOR BYRON BAER

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. ROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend, Byron M. Baer, a successful and beloved figure in New Jersey politics. Mr. Baer died Sunday,

June 24, 2007 of complications from congestive heart failure.

Byron Baer, a 50-year resident of Englewood, NJ, was a legendary figure in Bergen County, and indeed, the entire Garden State. He served 11 terms in the New Jersey State Assembly before winning the District 37 State Senate seat in 1993. He served in this capacity with great distinction until illness forced his resignation in September 2005.

He is perhaps best known for legislation he introduced in 1974, the "Open Public Meeting Act" (or Sunshine Law), an Act requiring that official business be conducted in public forums and not behind closed doors. As a champion of open government, Byron Baer worked tirelessly with the media and his colleagues in the State government to ensure that open meetings would become a national model for all States. He was singularly honored in 2006 when the Act was renamed the "Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act." He was also inducted in the Open Government Hall of Fame on the recommendation of the National Freedom of Information Coalition and the Society of Professional Journalists.

Among his many notable legislative accomplishments were the enactment of the Toxic Catastrophe Prevention Act, a law establishing safeguards to prevent chemical industry disasters; a truth-in-pricing law; and reestablishment of the Office of the Child Advocate, an independent watchdog of the state's child welfare system; and he was a primary sponsor of New Jersey's Identity Theft Prevention Act.

His passing will leave an enormous void in the New Jersey political arena. Although declining health contributed to his retirement two years ago, he remained a respected and revered resource for state legislators in Trenton. Byron Baer was devoted to his constituency, and he was a full-time lawmaker. As such, he understood every word and nuance in the legislative process and he never gave up in his efforts to fight for the environment, organized labor, children, migrant workers, and the less fortunate in our society.

I join with his many friends and colleagues in mourning his passing and I extend my heartfelt condolences to his beloved wife, Linda, his brother, Donald, his children David Baer and Laura Baer Levine, his stepchildren Lara Rodriguez and Roger Pollitt, and his three grandchildren. He was a great man and he will be greatly missed.

EDMUND MUSKIE AWARD FOR NANCY PELOSI

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, the following remarks were delivered by Peter Kovler, Chairman of the Board of the Center for National Policy in Washington, DC, on June 19, 2007, on the occasion of Speaker NANCY PELOSI being the recipient of the Center's prestigious Edmund Muskie Award.

In the entire history of the United States, I believe there have been three powerful Speakers of the House during moments of war. Henry Clay in the nineteenth century,

Sam Rayburn during World War II and now Nancy Pelosi during our simultaneous wars on terror and the war in Iraq.

But there is one stark difference between Speaker Pelosi and Speakers Clay and Rayburn; and that is she has an opposing view to the contemporaneous President of the United States on how those wars should be run; and her courage and her steadfastness in those views arguably make her the single most significant Speaker in our Nation's history.

How did Nancy Pelosi get to this point; and how this nation is so fortunate to have her; and how an award named for Ed Muskie is so appropriate are a few of the points I would quickly like to address.

In my view Nancy Pelosi has come to be our most important foreign policy Speaker in part because of how she served in the House before her rise to this position. As a 10 year member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, she was its longest continuous serving member. The experience and knowledge gained there has made her able to deal with these issues in a sophisticated way, rather than just guessing or speculating at what might be important. No wonder she had the knowledge and skepticism that comes with knowledge to oppose initially the Iraq invasion and occupation, even when that kind of vote was so difficult in those political and cultural circumstances. And no wonder she knew so much about terrorism issues that she would have the confidence to make implementation of the 9/11 Commission recommendations her very first piece of legislation in her first five months.

How fortunate are we to have her as the Speaker of the House is one way to pose a question, but a second way is to ask what it would be like if we had a speaker who had no background in foreign policy analysis or in intelligence analysis and not even any curiosity about the subject. I think the answer is obvious, and we would have a House of Representatives that was at best disinterested, but most likely passive in the face of the Executive Branch and passive in the face of an American public that is crying out for better alternatives.

Finally, I would like to address why the Muskie Award is especially appropriate for Speaker Pelosi.

For those of us in this room of a certain age, we know that Ed Muskie's public life was inextricably tied to the Vietnam War. He wrestled with that as the vice presidential candidate in 1968. It happened again in his seeking the presidential nomination in 1972. And though not getting wide public notice, he did so again in the 1980s when as chairman of this organization he ran numerous meetings on Vietnam policy, led a delegation to Hanoi and, though still controversial, advocated a new policy towards that country that included their recognition.

I bring this up because the Vietnam War has played such an enormous part in our thinking on the Iraq War. For better or worse, it is the single most significant historical parallel we use in trying to come to grips with the Iraq War.

And I believe that I can say with enormous confidence that Ed, first a believer in the Vietnam mission and then a skeptic about the choices we made, would have been so very proud to have Speaker Pelosi as the recipient of an award named after him.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I present to you this year's winner of the Center For National Policy's Edmund Muskie Award, Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

TRIBUTE TO KIMBERLY HIGH
SCHOOL

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. PETRI. Madam Speaker, I want to pay tribute to Kimberly High School, located in Wisconsin's Sixth Congressional District, for accomplishing a feat unprecedented in the history of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA).

The Kimberly High School Papermakers were victorious in the WIAA Division 1 championship in both girls' softball and boys' baseball, marking the first time in Wisconsin history that this title has been won in the same year by two sports teams from one high school. For these high school students to have achieved this is nothing short of remarkable.

During the season, the softball team celebrated a 23-4 record, capturing the state title and earning the Fox Valley Association Conference title. Equally as impressive, the baseball team posted a 20-6 record, winning the WIAA Division 1 Boys' Baseball State Tournament.

The hard work, dedication and teamwork of these young men and women is commendable and enabled them to become the best softball and baseball teams in the State of Wisconsin this year. These students are a source of pride and inspiration for the Village of Kimberly and the entire Kimberly Area School District.

Madam Speaker, it is because of this unique accomplishment that I extend congratulations and celebrate the championship wins of the Kimberly Papermakers.

TRIBUTE TO MR. RICHARD J. (JIM)
BAILEY

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. FORBES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Richard J. (Jim) Bailey, who will retire from the Defense Logistics Agency's (DLA), Defense Supply Center Richmond (DSCR), Richmond, VA, on July 31, 2007. Mr. Bailey's distinguished government career spans 32 years, and his record of achievement during this period reflects greatly upon himself and upon the organizations with which he has served. His contributions to national defense will be missed as he moves on to new and exciting opportunities.

Mr. Bailey was appointed to the Senior Executive Service position of Deputy Commander, DSCR in July 2000. The DSCR is DLA's Managing Center for the Aviation Supply and Demand Chain that manages more than 25 percent of DLA's 4 million consumable items. He provided leadership to more than 2,900 civilian and military personnel, located at 11 different locations, performing logistics support management for over 1.25 million national stock numbers. The customer base for the Aviation Supply and Demand Chain reaches worldwide with over 24,000 customers throughout the Department of Defense (DOD), other government agencies, and foreign militaries.

A native of Philadelphia, PA, Mr. Bailey has followed a diverse career path of increasing responsibility culminating in his appointment as Deputy Commander. In 1975, he entered the Federal service as an inventory management specialist trainee at the Defense Industrial Supply Center in Philadelphia, PA, where his assignments included inventory management specialist, supply systems analyst, and senior supply systems analyst. In 1986, Mr. Bailey moved to the Defense Supply Center Richmond to serve as the Chief of the Requirements Systems Management Branch of the Supply Operations Directorate. He subsequently held positions as Chief of the Distribution Systems Management Branch, the Logistics Programs Division Chief, and Deputy Director.

In 1995, Mr. Bailey became the Director of the Business Management Directorate, where he served for 2 years. He moved to become the Director of Planning and Resource Management in 1997. Mr. Bailey was selected as Deputy Executive Director for Procurement in 1998 and then Deputy Director of Business Operations. He also served as the Deputy Administrator of the Information Processing Center, Richmond, before this mission was transferred to the Defense Information Systems Agency.

In 1999, Mr. Bailey was appointed as DSCR's Business Supply Manager and served as DSCR's representative on the core integrated processing team for Business Systems Modernization. In this capacity, he played an important role in developing a recommendation for using Commercial-Off-The-Shelf software for an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system to replace the Standard Automated Material Management System. Today, DLA is the only agency in the entire Department of Defense that has a successful ERP implementation, and Mr. Bailey played a critical role throughout the entire process.

Mr. Bailey attended St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, graduating in 1973 with a bachelor of science in Marketing-Management. He earned a master of business administration from La Salle University in 1988. He attended the Office of Personnel Management Federal Executive Institute in 1995 and the Senior APEX Orientation Program in 2002. He is the recipient of numerous special achievement and performance awards.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Jim Bailey on his retirement from Federal civil service. He is a remarkable public servant who has served our Nation, the Department of Defense, and the Defense Logistics Agency and continually epitomized the dedication and professionalism that make our Federal Government a model all over the world.

HONORING MAJOR GENERAL
SCHUYLER BISSELL

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of MG Schuyler Bissell, USAF (Ret.), who passed away on June 13, 2007 at the age of 76. Major General Bissell lived his life with honor. He exemplified

dedication, and he committed himself to serving others. This is the inheritance he leaves his family and all those who knew him.

A fellow native of my hometown of Laurel, MS, General Bissell began his service in the Air Force in 1952. He would eventually complete 119 combat missions over North Vietnam at the controls of his F-4C Phantom. For his heroism he received three Distinguished Flying Crosses and was awarded the Air Medal a remarkable 10 times. A Command Pilot, he would eventually accumulate over 5,500 flying hours.

After several commands in the fighter community, General Bissell transitioned into the field of military intelligence. He would go on to serve as the U.S. Defense Attaché in Israel, as Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff of the Air Force for Intelligence, and would conclude his career as the Deputy Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency.

General Bissell and his wife Polly settled in the Nashville area in 1992 as he began a second career in service to our community. At St. George's Episcopal Church, he served as a lay Eucharist Minister, as an usher and greeter, as Chairman of the Parish Life Committee, and as a member of the Capital Campaign Committee. General Bissell would found a group called Champions in Christ at St. George's in 1999. His leadership led to the exponential growth of this program. Most recently, he felt God's call to begin working on a Pastoral Healing Ministry.

General Bissell was dedicated to his country and community, but above all to his family. In addition to Polly, he leaves behind two daughters and six grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of MG Schuyler Bissell.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, on Monday, June 25, I was absent from rollcall votes 549 and 550 due to a weather-related flight delay.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 549 in favor of H. Res. 189, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" should be established.

On rollcall 550 on passage of H.R. 2546, designating the Charles George Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, I would have voted "yea."

IN HONOR OF LOU FALCONI

HON. JASON ALTMIRE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. ALTMIRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Lou Falconi. Lou was born and raised in Farrell, Pennsylvania, a small steel town located in my district. After Lou attended college and served a tour of duty in Vietnam, he returned home to Farrell and began what

would become a long and successful career as a teacher and a football coach.

Named as the Farrell High School head football coach in 1980, Lou spent the next 27 years raising the spirits of Farrell residents through his team's excellence on the field. Lou compiled a career record of 210 wins versus 91 losses and 6 ties. Under Lou's leadership, the Farrell Steelers won two PIAA Class A State Championships, four WPIAL Championships, and a District 10 title. Lou was named Coach of the Year three times by the Pennsylvania Scholastic Football Coaches Associated and was recognized as Conference Coach of the Year eight times by his coaching peers.

On June 19th, 2007, Lou received the ultimate reward for his distinguished career—an induction into the Pennsylvania Scholastic Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

I want to commend Lou for his commitment to the community of Farrell both in the classroom and on the football field and congratulate him on this well deserved achievement.

IN RECOGNITION OF METLIFE
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD,
PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE
OFFICER C. ROBERT
HENRIKSON'S 35TH ANNIVERSARY
AT THE COMPANY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mrs. MALONEY OF NEW YORK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate C. Robert (Rob) Henrikson upon the occasion of his 35th Anniversary with MetLife. Mr. Henrikson has been a remarkable corporate executive who has excelled at leading one of our Nation's premiere insurance companies while at the same time helping to shape the national dialogue about retirement security.

Mr. Henrikson is one of the rare executives to have risen through the ranks to lead the company. Currently, chairman of the board, president and chief executive officer of MetLife, he started his career at the company as a sales representative. He began by selling individual policies to consumers and soon was selling multi-million dollar insurance and investment contracts to the largest employers in the country. His talent was quickly recognized and he was promoted to roles of increasing breadth and responsibility, eventually heading up MetLife's pensions business, group insurance and retirement and savings businesses, auto and home, asset management and MetLife Bank.

A leader of great vision, Mr. Henrikson has been the architect of aggressive growth and strategic investment for MetLife and has greatly aided its expansion and dominance as one of the world's premier and successful companies. With great intelligence, skill and insight, Mr. Henrikson has been instrumental in maintaining MetLife's supremacy in an increasingly competitive global market. Throughout his career, he has earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues.

Mr. Henrikson received his B.A. degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a J.D. from Emory University School of Law. His dedication to both institutions continues, and he is currently serving as chairman of the board of

Wharton's S.S. Huebner Foundation for Insurance Education, and as a member of both the Emory Law School Council and the Emory Campaign Steering Committee.

Mr. Henrikson has been a leader in the success and evolution of the insurance industry today. He was an active member of the Committee on Economic Development's Subcommittee on Social Security Reform and a guest speaker at the Economist-sponsored international convention on that topic in Madrid, Spain. At a 2004 hearing of the House Education and the Workforce Committee, Mr. Henrikson testified about the degree to which Americans have underestimated the amount of savings they need for retirement and overestimated the rate at which they can safely withdraw from savings if they want to make their money last throughout their retirement. Mr. Henrikson is a board member of the American Council of Life Insurers and a board member emeritus of the American Benefits Council.

While Mr. Henrikson has contributed much to the Nation in his professional life, he has also been dedicated to his community in his private life. Mr. Henrikson serves on the National Board of Advisors at the Morehouse School of Medicine, the board of directors of The New York Botanical Garden, the board of directors of the New York Philharmonic and is a trustee of the American Museum of Natural History.

Madam Speaker, I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Henrikson for his 35 years of service at MetLife and to recognize the dedication and commitment Mr. Henrikson has shown to our great Nation throughout his esteemed career.

CONGRATULATING THE ASTOR
RESTAURANT ON ITS 50TH YEAR
IN OPERATION

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Astor Restaurant in south Texas, and its owners, on the restaurant's 50th anniversary.

In reaching its 50th year in operation, the Astor stands as both a symbol of Corpus Christi's commercial growth and as a tribute to the city's hospitality and diversity.

Opened by Bill Sissamis and his father Louis, on Father's Day, June 16, 1957, just 10 years after their emigration from Greece, the Astor offers recipes that are unique to the Corpus Christi area. The family-owned restaurant is renowned for its mesquite-broiled steaks that are basted with a secretly blended sauce and its owners' hospitality.

The restaurant has remained successful during its 50-year history because its owners have remained part of the kitchen and the front counter, ensuring that family members are always part of the food and service.

The Astor exemplifies the importance of diversity in a community. It is the oldest of several Greek-owned Corpus Christi restaurants. The small society of Greek-American restaurateurs within the city represents the genius and industriousness of America and the immigrant families who improve our Nation every day.

Greek-American restaurateurs now employ hundreds of Corpus Christi residents while offering great food and spirit. This community of entrepreneurs is an inspiration to millions of immigrants worldwide but especially to those in south Texas who stand to contribute to their new home and benefit through hard work and discipline.

I commend the owners of the Astor on this special moment in their history, for being part of the economic development in Corpus Christi, and for five decades of making special food and occasions for their customers in south Texas.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Madam Speaker, on Monday, June 25, 2007, I was unavoidably detained and thus I missed rollcall votes Nos. 549 and 550. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on both votes.

TRIBUTE TO WORTHINGTON
LIBRARIES

HON. DEBORAH PRYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Madam Speaker, it is a distinct honor to rise and recognize Worthington Libraries, recently named the 2007 Library of the Year by Library Journal and Gale.

The roots of Worthington Libraries can be traced to 1803 and the small town of Granby, CT, where a group of 100 men, women and children set out to begin a new life in Worthington, OH, bringing their collections of books with them. The library which was formed to manage those books was the first in Franklin County and only the third in Ohio.

The first building to actually house the collection came in 1927 when Elizabeth Jones Deshler donated money for a library building on the northeast corner of the Village Green, the area set aside by Worthington's founders for the public pursuit of learning and education. Mrs. Deshler dedicated the building to the memory of her grandfather, Worthington founder James Kilbourne. In 1931, Mrs. Deshler funded the addition of north and south wings on the James Kilbourne Memorial Library Building.

With a new location and an additional building, the current Library offers the world-class service and learning environment to match its storied past. The library is still the focal point of the community, emphasizing accountability to its patrons through rigorous, forward-looking planning and quality service that embraces not just adults but also children and teens. The community returns the compliment with strong financial support, giving the library 65.5 percent of its funding, even though three-quarters of Ohio's public libraries get most or all of their funding from the State.

Innovations which contributed to Worthington Libraries' selection for Library of the

Year included a roving reference librarian, new ways to promote high-traffic items like popular fiction, a teen blog and "MySpace" page, adult programming that extend to forums sponsored with the town's Council for Public Deliberation, and strong e-assets that include not only 164 top-notch electronic resources and more than 8,000 full-text periodicals but also TumbleBooks, which provides animated stories for children.

It is an honor to represent a community which prides itself upon the pursuit of knowledge, and the Worthington Libraries nobly provides that endeavor for its residents. Congratulations to all the staff of Worthington Libraries for continuing to find new ways to promote reading and learning.

CHARLES W. LINDBERG—
AMERICAN HERO

HON. JIM RAMSTAD

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. RAMSTAD. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay special tribute to Charles W. Lindberg, who passed away Sunday in Minnesota. Today would have been Chuck's 87th birthday.

Chuck Lindberg was a real American hero and a great patriot. He was a Marine who carried a 72-pound flamethrower into some of the most horrific battles in the Pacific during World War II. He earned the Silver Star for valor, was shot in the arm and was honored with the Purple Heart.

Chuck was a true profile in courage. And if you do not know his name, I guarantee you know of one of his heroic acts. Chuck Lindberg, you see, helped raise the first American flag atop Mount Suribachi on February 23, 1945, during the Battle of Iwo Jima. That historic moment is captured in the famous sculpture at the Marine Corps Memorial by the Pentagon.

Chuck Lindberg truly represented the best of Duty, Honor, and Country and personified our nation's commitment to freedom.

On a personal level, I considered Charles Lindberg a good friend and very much appreciated and enjoyed our visits over the years. I was deeply inspired by hearing about his historic flag raising on Iwo Jima. I will always remember Chuck and that famous depiction of the flag raising will keep his spirit alive forever.

Madam Speaker, Chuck Lindberg will go down in history as one of the greatest Minnesota patriots of all time. He was the last survivor among the men who raised that first flag. Before Iwo Jima, Chuck Lindberg bravely fought at Guadalcanal and Bougainville as part of Carlson's Raiders, an elite unit that operated behind enemy lines.

Chuck was a hero in every way, and he never stopped being a hero. He dedicated his life to raising awareness of the sacrifices made by our Nation's brave fighting men and women.

He reached out to other veterans and he spoke to veterans' groups and at schools. The Minnesota Legislature has passed a resolution in Lindberg's honor and Chuck is mentioned on several Minnesota war memorials.

Madam Speaker, Chuck Lindberg was a modest man, like so many members of the

Greatest Generation. Today, in Minnesota and here in our Nation's Capital, we honor him by not being so modest about his great accomplishments. We are deeply grateful for his many selfless contributions to our freedom and liberty.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Chuck's wife of 59 years, Violette, and daughters Diane Steiger and Karen Davidson and sons Rod, Rick, and Jeff.

IN COMMEMORATION OF CAPTAIN
ALLISON D. WEBSTER-GIDDINGS'
NAVY CAREER

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend CAPT Allison D. Webster-Giddings, U.S. Navy, for an exemplary and honorable Naval career. Captain Webster-Giddings, a native of Birmingham, MI, is a 1984 graduate of the United States Naval Academy.

After earning her Naval Aviator wings in January 1986, Captain Webster-Giddings deployed to Helicopter Combat Support Squadron SIX, NAS Norfolk, VA, where she completed tours to the Mediterranean Sea aboard SNS *Sirius*, USS *Concord* and USNS *Saturn*. In 1989, Captain Webster-Giddings was assigned to the Commander, Naval Air Force, Atlantic, Air Operations Staff. In 1991, she was selected for Class 101 of the USN Test Pilot School, NAS Patuxent River, MD. Upon completion, she was assigned as the Dynamic Interface Department Head and H-46 project pilot of Rotary Wing Aircraft Test Directorate.

In 1994, Captain Webster-Giddings transitioned into the Aerospace Engineering Duty Officer community and was assigned as the Avionics Systems Project Officer for H-60/H-3/H-3 aircraft at the Naval Air Systems Command. During this tour, she led the PMA-299 avionics team for the MH-60R/S aircraft and existing fleet avionics programs. Captain Webster-Giddings returned to the Test Pilot School in 1997, this time as an instructor.

Captain Webster-Giddings commanded the Defense Contract Management Agency, Lockheed Martin Systems Integration, Oswego, NY, from 1998-2001. Her command was responsible for the oversight and execution of \$4 billion of Defense Department contracts. During this tour, the command received the DCMA Flight Award "Small Activity" and the Federal Service John N. Sturdivant Award.

In October 2001, Captain Webster-Giddings returned to the United States Naval Academy. She currently serves as the Director, Faculty and Staff Programs, Center for Ethical Leadership. She has served as Deputy Director, Officer Development Division and Associate Chairman of the Weapons and Systems Department. She has taught several engineering, ethics, and leadership courses. She has served as the Officer Representative of the Women's Crew team and the Captain Joy Bright Hancock Organization (a women's professional organization).

Captain Webster-Giddings education includes a master's degree in aviation systems from the University of Tennessee, Space Institute, with qualifications in test and evaluation, program management, systems engineering

and production, and maintenance and quality assurance.

Her personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal (three awards), and the Navy Expert Pistol Medal. She has been lauded twice by the National Aviation Club at its annual "Women in Aviation" recognition ceremony. Over the course of her career, Captain Webster-Giddings has logged over 2200 flight hours and flown over 35 different aircraft, including the first flight on the SH-60S. She holds commercial aviation ratings in helicopter, single-engine fixed-wing, and dual-engine fixed-wing aircraft.

I would like to personally thank and congratulate her for her distinguished service to our Nation.

LIST OF PROJECTS REQUESTED
TO RECEIVE FEDERAL FUNDING
AS PART OF THE FY08 APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Ms. LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to submit into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a list of projects that I have requested receive federal funding as part of the FY08 appropriations process. The projects requested in the list below were presented to me by constituents, local groups and local governments.

Project Name: AACI Community Health Clinic. While approximately 30 percent of Santa Clara County residents are Asian, AACI provides the only Asian-focused community health clinic in the County. Funding would help create negative pressure rooms, and create infection control and respiratory protection equipment. It would also help to retain staff, help them advance professionally, and ensure that they are knowledgeable about best practices in the field.

Project Name: Advanced IED Jammer Research & Development Program. The Advanced IED Jammer Research & Development Program will substantially advance the U.S. Military's ability to combat and defend our troops against roadside bombs.

Project Name: Anti-Microbial Nanomaterial for Battlefield Medical and Dental Use. Funding will help in developing an antimicrobial nanomaterial which would be used to destroy bacteria and fungi affecting U.S. service members.

Project Name: ATTWR Special Module. The Advanced Tactical Threat Warning Radio (ATTWR) Special Module Project will provide Special Operations Forces with the ability to clandestinely identify and locate IED bomb making factories, terror cells, and insurgent commanders.

Project Name: Blossom Hill/Monterey Highway Crossing, San José. This funding will complete construction of a pedestrian overpass across railroad tracks and a four-lane highway in the vicinity of Blossom Hill Road and Monterey Highway (State Route 82), which divide rapidly growing residential and commercial sites into four quadrants.

Project Name: Bus Rapid Transit Alternatives Analysis. This funding request is for conducting an alternatives analysis to allow the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) to develop an integrated Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) network that would

link major activity and employment centers throughout Santa Clara County, and offer high-quality public transit service to areas that are not served by VTA's light rail system.

Project Name: California Bay-Delta Restoration Program. The mission of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program is to develop and implement a long-term comprehensive plan that will restore ecological health and improve water management for beneficial uses of the Bay-Delta System.

Project Name: Collaborative Affordable Homes for San Jose Families. These funds would be used for the building of homes for low income families and providing vocational skills to at-risk young men and women.

Project Name: Collaborative Response to Victims of Domestic Violence. This project will initiate a new model of collaborative education, training and community response to victims of domestic violence.

Project Name: Coyote and Berryessa Creek Project. The Coyote Creek project provides protection to the area downstream of Montague Expressway in Milpitas and San Jose where potential damages from a 1 percent flood exceed \$250 million.

Project Name: Coyote Creek Watershed Study. The Coyote Creek Watershed Study will examine ways to provide flood protection for the cities of San Jose, Milpitas, and Morgan Hill, including a major portion of the Silicon Valley's high-tech area.

Project Name: Development & Testing of Advanced Paraffin-based Hybrid Rockets for Space Applications. SPG will use the requested funds to design, build and initiate testing of 24-inch diameter, 30,000 pound thrust-class motors.

Project Name: DeWitt Avenue S-Curve Realignment, Santa Clara County. The project would straighten an S-Curve on DeWitt Avenue to enhance the line of sight for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians, thereby improving overall safety.

Project Name: Digital Heads-Up Display (DHUD) Upgrade for the ANG F-15s. The Heads-Up Display (HUD) system was designed to provide a pilot with the ability to acquire superior Situational Awareness (SA) by projecting critical flight information into the pilot's forward field of view serving as the aircraft's primary targeting system.

Project Name: Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program. This language supports restored funding to the Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program.

Project Name: Early Childhood Development Initiative-National Hispanic University. Funding will enable creation of a National Hispanic University (NHU) program in early childhood development to formalize the process of certifying "Smart Start" graduates, improving the number and quality of early childhood educators in San José.

Project Name: Early Warning IED Detection System. The Early Warning IED Detection System program will develop an advanced IED detection system that not only can detect the presence of IED's hidden along roadsides, but can also do so in a low profile and disguised manner.

Project Name: East Wing expansion—Guadalupe River and Silicon Valley History Project. This project would create a 30,000 square foot outdoor exhibit gallery with interactive exhibits and educational program spaces.

Project Name: Electronic Warfare Concept Demonstrator for the Littoral Combat Ship. The Electronic Warfare Concept Demonstrator (EWCD) will integrate commercial off the shelf Electronic Warfare antenna/receiver technology, the ES 3701 Tactical ESM System, with the Navy's current display and control systems.

Project Name: Fire Disaster Recovery project. This will provide the Foothill Family Community Clinic with a permanent home for its community health center program in the high need area of east San Jose.

Project Name: First-time Homebuyer Assistance Program. The First-time Homebuyer Assistance Program provides interest free closing cost loans to low and moderate income households for their first home purchase in the county.

Project Name: Guadalupe River Flood Control Project. The project extends through downtown San Jose from Interstate 880 to Interstate 280 and protects the area from \$576 million in damages from a one percent flood.

Project Name: High Power Fiber Laser Program. This years funding request will drive the power output and improved beam quality of fiber lasers to technological levels that have never previously been met, providing new and unique capabilities to our warfighting personnel.

Project Name: Job Training for the Homeless Initiative. Funding will enable development and implementation of a job training and placement initiative to provide homeless persons in San Jose with remedial education, peer counseling, access to temporary shelter, transportation, childcare, vocational training, and job placement assistance.

Project Name: Llagas Creek Project. It will serve a 104 mile watershed by providing flood protection for 1,100 homes, 500 businesses, and over 1,300 acres of agricultural land in Santa Clara County.

Project Name: Martin Luther King, Jr. Library Community/Teen Center. Federal funding will support the redesign, construction, and equipping of a 2,600 sq. ft. Community and Teen Center, co-located with the San Jose main library, to provide a combination educational, performance, and public gathering space, with special attention to the needs and interests of teens.

Project Name: Mounted Warrior Equipment for the 4th Stryker Brigade. The Mounted Warrior Soldier System (MWSS) is the U.S. Army's integrated soldier fighting system, which permits the vehicle commander and driver to view the Force XXI Battle Commander, brigade-and-below (FBCB2) display, Driver's Vision Enhancer (DVE), and Remote Weapon System (RWS).

Project Name: National Transportation Security Center. This language directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a National Transportation Security Center of Excellence at San Jose State University.

Project Name: OPAL (Optically Pumped Atomic Laser for Defense Microelectronics). OPAL will develop sub 200nm light source technology known as Optically Pumped Atomic Lasers (OPALs). Funds will be used for the demonstration of the sub 200nm at Newport-Spectra Physics and will be used to design the semiconductor inspection tool into which it will be integrated for inspection of advanced silicon chips.

Project Name: Roll-to-Roll Microelectronics Manufacturing in Support of the Flexible Display Initiative. The U.S. Display Consortium is under contract to the Army Research Laboratory (ARL) to organize the commercial display industry to develop the materials and supply chain required to enable volume production of flexible displays.

Project Name: San Francisquito Creek Flood Damage Reduction and Ecosystem Restoration Project. The study is examining possible flood protection measures for the cities of Palo Alto, East Palo Alto, Menlo Park and portions of San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties.

Project Name: San Luis Reservoir Low point Improvement Project. The San Luis Reservoir Low Point Improvement Project is to increase the operational flexibility of

storage in San Luis Reservoir and ensure a high quality, reliable water supply for San Felipe Division contractors.

Project Name: San Jose Courthouse. This money would be used for site acquisition for a new Federal Courthouse in San Jose.

Project Name: San Jose Area Water Reclamation and Reuse Project. The San Jose Water Reclamation and Reuse Program will increase water supply reliability and protect endangered species by reducing wastewater discharges into San Francisco Bay.

Project Name: San Jose BEST Gang Intervention Program Expansion. B.E.S.T. coordinates and funds a continuum of prevention, intervention, and suppression programs targeted at youth demonstrating at-risk, high-risk, and gang-involved behaviors.

Project Name: San Jose Steam Railroad Museum. The funding will be used to help pay for the first two phases of construction of the San Jose Steam Railroad Museum.

Project Name: San José/Santa Clara Wastewater Pollution Control Plant Solar Research and Development. This project will demonstrate how municipalities around the country can improve air quality and reduce pressure on the electrical grid while saving taxpayers' dollars and reducing dependence on foreign fuel supplies.

Project Name: San Jose Women's Business Incubator and Training Center. Women's Initiative will own and operate a fully bilingual and culturally-competent Women's Business Incubator and Training Center in San Jose, where low-income and immigrant women in Silicon Valley can access business plan training and ongoing support.

Project Name: Santa Clara County HIV Test Counseling Program. In partnership with the Santa Clara County Department of Public Health, the DeFrank Center developed a pilot fixed-site HIV counseling and testing program to serve Santa Clara County.

Project Name: Santa Clara County: Juvenile Detention Reform: Evening Reporting Center (South County). The Evening Reporting Center is a comprehensive community-based intervention program designed to further Juvenile Detention Reform goals.

Project Name: Semiconductor Focus Center Research Program (FCRP). Funding will continue to support The Focus Center Research Program (FCRP) which conducts mid-to long-term (8-12 year time horizon) basic research in semiconductor technology at 38 universities across the country.

Project Name: ShotSpotter Gunshot Location and Detection Systems. The requested legislative language would broaden DHS' research and development priorities to include gunshot detection and qualifier systems.

Project Name: ShotSpotter Individual Protection System (SIPS). DOD R&D funding is needed for work to reduce the size and enhance the capability of the ShotSpotter Individual Protection System (SIPS). The sensor identifies the gunshot and radios the information back to a portable base station where the location is displayed on a lap top or PDA screen.

Project Name: Sobrato House youth facility. The Sobrato House will be able to provide 10 bed shelter for homeless, runaway youth. Also available will be a multi Service Center that is open daily for homeless youth, providing medical care, food, case management and other basic services.

Project Name: South San Francisco Bay Salt Ponds Restorations (FWS). The project will restore the health of the San Francisco Bay. The project will also provide tidal and fluvial flood protection in the Bay, including approximately 42,800 acres, 7,400 homes and businesses and significant urban infrastructure including major highways, parks and airports.

Project Name: South San Francisco Bay Salt Ponds Restorations (USGS). This funding request would provide \$900,000 to the United States Geological Survey. USGS would use these funds to conduct interdisciplinary monitoring (biological, hydrological, and water quality studies) of Salt Ponds in San Pablo Bay and San Francisco Bay.

Project Name: South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Study. The project will restore the health of the San Francisco Bay, one of the nation's largest estuaries, by creating the largest restored wetlands on the West Coast.

Project Name: Student Partners Reaching Kids. The Students Partners Reaching Kids (SPRK) program serves more than 1,000 young adolescents through a series of offerings which form a continuum of opportunities throughout the year for students in the fourth through ninth grade age range such as: Discovery Youth, Getchy.com, CDMedia Studio, Safe Nights and Summer of Service.

Project Name: The Japanese American Experience: Making it Available. This museum will allow the broader community better access to and, understanding of the history, culture and arts of Japanese Americans in Santa Clara Valley.

Project Name: Trades JOBS for At-Risk Out-of-School Youth. The Center for Employment Training's Building Trades JOBS Program will provide comprehensive occupational skills training and employment services to 50 at-risk out-of school youth (age 17-24) and place 85% of them in demand jobs in the building trades.

Project Name: Upper Guadalupe River Flood Control Project. All proposed flood protection improvements include long-term environmental benefits for fish and wildlife habitat and continuous creekside trail access. The Upper Guadalupe River Flood Protection project will provide flood protection for 7,500 homes in Santa Clara County with potential damages from a 100-year flood event exceeding \$280 million.

Project Name: Upper Penitencia Creek Project. The Upper Penitencia Creek Flood Protection project will provide flood protection to over 5,000 homes, schools and businesses in Santa Clara County, specifically the communities of San Jose and Milpitas.

Project Name: Yu-Ai Kai/Boys & Girls Club Senior Youth Wellness Center. The funds will establish a Senior Youth Wellness Center. The new Senior Youth Wellness Center will offer the following programs: preventive health programs through education, i.e., stroke prevention, diabetes prevention, cognitive wellness, nutrition education, heart disease prevention, etc.; therapeutic support groups and recreational activities; caregiver support groups with short term individual and family counseling, outreach, prevention and resource referral; M.D. and nurse visits/consultation for foot care/diagnosis, and preventive education; physical therapist visits/consultation and alternative health programs such as Tai-chi, Qi-gong, Yoga and Reiki; and indoor and outdoor physical fitness programs.

Project Name: Yu-Ai Kai/Boys & Girls Club Senior Youth Wellness Center Gymnasium. The new Senior Wellness Center and the Boys & Girls Club gymnasium will offer the following programs: physical fitness programs for seniors from the Minority Senior Providers Consortium; recreational and physical rehab programs for seniors, i.e., basketball, volleyball, handball, badminton, etc.; physical fitness for youths; recreational programs for youth, i.e., basketball, volleyball, badminton, handball, indoor soccer, indoor flag football, etc.; alternative health programs such as Tai-chi, Qi-gong, Yoga and Reiki; annual cultural events, i.e. Keiro Kai (honoring seniors 75 years and

older), Bonen Kai (end of the year party for seniors), Shinnen Kai (Recognition of the New Year); and offer the gym to Japanese American youth who have tournaments and practice during the evenings and weekends.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF MRS. DOROTHY MOORE

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, the city of Mobile and indeed the entire state of Alabama, recently lost a dear friend, and I rise today to honor her memory and pay tribute to her for a lifetime of exemplary service.

Mrs. Dorothy "Dot" Moore, a dedicated mother, grandmother, and great grandmother was a devoted family matriarch. A native of Pensacola, Florida, Dot attended Leinkauf Elementary before attending Murphy High School in Mobile.

Dot's professional career began in the steamship business where she worked as a secretary. She then went on to become a registrar at the University of Alabama Expansion Center. While working for the Expansion Center, she was offered a job with the U.S. Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Air Force. Dot then went on to open "Dot's Dress Shoppe." It was in this dress shop where she met a radio personality and TV chef who helped her launch her radio and television career.

Dot was a receptionist at WABB in 1958, and it was this position that led to her speaking before a wide radio audience. With her trademark low tone voice, Dot was the voice of many radio and television commercials, and she later became the host of WALA's daily half-hour program "Channel 10 Kitchen."

On May 14, 1963, "Dot Moore & Company" went on the air, and viewers across the central gulf coast welcomed Dot into their homes. The show remained on the air with various names, including "The Dot Moore Show" well into the 21st century. Dot also became well-known for her coverage of Mobile's Mardi Gras celebration for over 33 years on WALA.

For five decades, Dot was a fixture on Mobile's WALA-TV, and she was an outstanding example of the quality of individuals who have devoted their lives to the field of broadcast journalism.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated community leader and friend to many throughout Alabama. On behalf of all those who have benefited from her good heart and generous spirit, permit me to extend thanks for her many efforts in making Mobile and south Alabama a better place.

Mrs. Dorothy "Dot" Moore will be deeply missed by her family—her son, Robert J. Miller Jr.; her grandson, Robert J. Miller III; and her great grandson Carter B. Miller—as well as the countless friends she leaves behind. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all at this difficult time.

A TRIBUTE TO BATTLE FOR IWO
JIMA VETERAN CORPORAL
CHARLES W. LINDBERG

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and accomplishments of Cpl Charles W. Lindberg (Retired). Corporal Lindberg is one of six United States Marine Corps servicemembers that climbed Mount Suribachi on Iwo Jima and raised the American flag. At 10:20 a.m. on February 23, 1945, the 3rd Platoon, E Company, 2nd Battalion, 28th Regiment, 5th Marine Division were the first group of Americans during World War II to raise the American flag on Japanese soil. This momentous occasion demoralized the Japanese and signaled the beginning of the end of the war in the Pacific Theater.

According to several accounts, Corporal Lindberg along with about 40 other members of the 3rd Platoon climbed Mount Suribachi to secure the highest point on the island. Despite clear danger to life and limb, Corporal Lindberg, carrying a 72-pound flamethrower and his platoon captured Mount Suribachi, forcing many enemy combatants out from their entrenched positions in tunnels on the hill. After raising the flag, Corporal Lindberg and members of the platoon continued to fight Japanese forces to gain complete control of the strategic location. Nearly a week later, on March 1, 1945, Corporal Lindberg was shot in the stomach while fighting on other parts of the island. Corporal Lindberg received a Purple Heart for his injury and Silver Star Medal for valor for his heroism on Iwo Jima. He was a member of the elite Carlson's Raiders, a group of Marines that operated behind enemy lines, and was also a part of the Guadalcanal and Bougainville campaigns.

History was not always fair to the 3rd Platoon. History has immortalized the second raising of the U.S. flag rather than the first raising. The well-known photo taken by Associated Press Photographer Joe Rosenthal occurred nearly 4 hours after the initial raising of the U.S. flag and has been commemorated by the United States Marine Corps Memorial and is depicted in history books across the Nation. After his discharge from the United States Marines in January 1946, Corporal Lindberg returned to Grand Forks, North Dakota, and eventually Minneapolis, Minnesota. He began to raise awareness of the initial raising of the U.S. flag but was rebuffed time after time. Finally, in 1995 the United States Marines officially set the record straight and had Corporal Lindberg flown to a reunion of war veterans on Iwo Jima.

Corporal Lindberg's heroism in securing Mount Suribachi from Japanese forces symbolized the strength, perseverance and fortitude of American servicemembers during World War II. Raising the American flag demoralized the enemy and gave hope to the beleaguered Marines on the beach. The hope rallied the U.S. Marine forces to fully secure the island by March 26, 1945. The efforts of Corporal Lindberg are also similar to the efforts of other United States Armed Forces when they liberated Guam and the Mariana Islands in July 1944. Let us pause and honor another outstanding member of the Greatest

Generation and his contributions to our Nation's defense. His patriotism, bravery, and sacrifices for our country should never be forgotten.

HONORING THE ACADEMIC
ACHIEVEMENTS OF JOSHUA MICHAEL BROWN

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the accomplishments of Joshua Michael Brown, the world's first person to earn a bachelor's degree in nanosystems engineering. Brown, a native of West Monroe, LA., graduated from Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, LA., May 19, earning a degree in electrical engineering in addition to his history-making degree in the up-and-coming field of nanotechnology.

Few universities in the United States offer a curriculum in nanotechnology, the science of manipulating materials on an atomic or molecular scale to build microscopic devices, and I am proud to say that Louisiana Tech, located in the 5th Congressional District of Louisiana, is one of those pioneering universities.

In 2005, Louisiana Tech launched its nanosystems engineering degree program, becoming the first university in our Nation to offer such a degree. Recently, Louisiana Tech was ranked 10th in the Nation for commercializing nanotechnology inventions by Small Times magazine, a trade periodical for micro and nanotechnologies.

Surely, Brown's efforts as a Louisiana Tech scholar were a factor in the university's gaining this honor. While working toward his degree, Brown, along with Tech professor Chester Wilson, co-invented a device that is currently in the process of being patented. The invention is a nanocatalyst considered superior to those currently being used in the production of biofuels from biomass waste, an invention that is both exciting and inspiring as our Nation's top scientists and researchers continue to search for ways to increase the production of quality biofuels in the quest to lessen the United States' dependence on oil.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Joshua Michael Brown, whose knowledge and dedication to this revolutionary technology will be a great asset to the future of this field and to our longstanding commitment of keeping the United States on the forefront of science and technology.

HONORING AMERICA'S JUNIOR
MISS ON THE OCCASION OF ITS
50TH YEAR

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to America's Junior Miss on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of America's Junior Miss scholarship program. This year's national finals will be held June 28, 29 and 30th in Mobile, Alabama.

America's Junior Miss scholarship program has been vital to young women across the United States. Founded in Mobile, Alabama, in 1958, by the city's Junior Chamber of Commerce, the program held its first national program with 15 states represented. Participants are evaluated in five categories: interview, talent, scholastics, self-expression and fitness.

America's Junior Miss aims to promote self-esteem through its "Be Your Best Self" program. This program, adopted in 1987, is a way for Junior Miss participants to share a positive, personal approach to young people and help them lead successful and productive lives. The program encourages making a commitment to self-improvement with a focus on education, community service, proper nutrition, staying fit, living by moral principles, setting goals, and striving to reach those goals.

Since its founding, over \$87.7 million has been awarded to over 700,000 contestants. Last year, more than \$2 million was awarded in cash scholarships with almost 200 universities and colleges offering college-granted scholarships to participants. Former participants in the program include Diane Sawyer, Deborah Norville, E.D. Hill, Kim Basinger, Dr. Linda Rutledge Delbridge, and Debra Messing.

It is my sincere hope that America's Junior Miss will continue to be a source of inspiration to young women across the United States for another 50 years. I rise today to salute this organization and the many contributions it has made toward the enrichment of young women across the United States.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, due to delays in air travel coming back from my Congressional district yesterday, I was one of six Members on a flight that was delayed by several hours in arriving to Washington, DC. I unfortunately missed recorded votes on the House floor on Monday, June 25, 2007.

Had I been able to vote that day, I would have voted "yea" on Rollcall votes Nos. 549 and 550.

HONORING JACK VALENTI

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2007

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the House of Representatives passed H. Res. 361, honoring the life of Jack Valenti. I rise today to express support for that resolution and to join in honoring Jack's life and accomplishments.

Mr. Speaker, Jack Valenti was the poster child for what it means to be a great American. Jack was a true patriot and served our country valiantly as a pilot in the armed forces during World War II, where he flew over 50 combat missions. He later served as special assistant to President Lyndon Johnson during

the tumultuous period in American history following the assassination of President Kennedy.

Following his public service, he became president of the Motion Picture Association of America, where he instituted the first movie rating system, which gave parents more information about the content of movies. It is during his tenure at the MPAA that I came to know and become friends with Jack.

One thing that always impressed me about Jack was his commitment to serving others. I remember a recent story I heard about Jack where he gave a lesson to a waiter at one of his favorite local restaurants. He told the waiter how important it was to remember the particulars of his clients, including their names and what they like to order. It is with this attention to detail that he succeeded in his mission of educating Members of Congress about the importance of copyright laws and the details of the motion picture industry.

Jack's policy was to return every call from every person who contacted him. He also emphasized the importance of telling the truth in all circumstances. These attributes explain why both those who agreed with and disagreed with his policy positions respected Jack and his work.

I am indebted to Jack for befriending this green, freshman lawmaker back in 1993, and treating me with the same respect and kindness that he would give a President.

I join with all Members of this House to send my deepest condolences to Jack's family and also to honor and celebrate the life and accomplishments of Jack Valenti.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, June 21, 2007, I accompanied President George W. Bush to the State of Alabama to tour a nuclear facility and was subsequently absent for 22 votes on June 21 and June 22. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall No. 542 and "nay" on rollcall No. 548.

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
FOREIGN OPERATIONS AND RELATED
PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2007

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2764) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes:

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong support of the Foreign Affairs Appropriations bill passed last week, which included language authored by myself and Congressman MARK KIRK ordering the State Department to report to Congress on the feasibility of

restricting gasoline to Iran. Restricting refined gasoline to Iran is one way to pressure the regime to give up its efforts to develop nuclear weapons.

Due to economic mismanagement by the Iranian government, this leading OPEC nation now heavily depends on refined gasoline from abroad to run its economy. One Dutch company, Vitol, is the main broker of Iranian gasoline imports and one British company, Lloyd's of London, insures most of the tankers transporting gasoline to Iran.

I have long advocated for economic sanctions against Iran as part of an international diplomatic effort to halt the regime's pursuit of nuclear weapons in defiance of the United Nations. An international restriction on the supply of gasoline would serve as a critical diplomatic tool to deny Iran the ability to further its efforts to acquire nuclear weapons. Therefore, I strongly urge the State Department to advocate for a gasoline embargo on Iran as a sanction at the United Nations Security Council.

RECOGNIZING WORTHINGTON
LIBRARIES

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, it is a distinct honor to rise and recognize Worthington Libraries, recently named the 2007 Library of the Year by Library Journal and Gale.

The roots of Worthington Libraries can be traced to 1803 and the small town of Granby, Connecticut, where a group of 100 men, women and children set out to begin a new life in Worthington, Ohio, bringing their collections of books with them. The library which was formed to manage those books was the first in Franklin County and only the third in Ohio.

The first building to actually house the collection came in 1927 when Elizabeth Jones Deshler donated money for a library building on the northeast corner of the Village Green, the area set aside by Worthington's founders for the public pursuit of learning and education. Mrs. Deshler dedicated the building to the memory of her grandfather, Worthington founder James Kilbourne. In 1931, Mrs. Deshler funded the addition of north and south wings on the James Kilbourne Memorial Library Building.

With a new location and an additional building, the current Library offers the world-class service and learning environment to match its storied past. The library is still the focal point of the community, emphasizing accountability to its patrons through rigorous, forward-looking planning and quality service that embraces not just adults but also children and teens. The community returns the compliment with strong financial support, giving the library 65.5 percent of its funding, even though three-quarters of Ohio's public libraries get most or all of their funding from the state.

Innovations which contributed to Worthington Libraries' selection for Library of the Year included a roving reference librarian, new ways to promote high-traffic items like popular fiction, a teen blog and "MySpace" page, adult programming that extends to forums sponsored with the town's Council for Public Deliberation, and strong e-assets that include not only 164 topnotch electronic resources and more than 8000 full-text periodicals but also TumbleBooks, which provides animated stories for children.

It is an honor to represent a community which prides itself upon the pursuit of knowledge, and the Worthington Libraries nobly provides that endeavor for its residents. Congratulations to all the staff of Worthington Libraries for continuing to find new ways to promote reading and learning.